

What is claimed is:

1. A system comprising:

a plurality of video kiosks distributed across multiple locations; and

wherein said video kiosks are operative to record a plurality of videos and transmit the

5 recorded videos over a network to a video collection server so each of the recorded videos can be associated with a corresponding portfolio in a database containing a plurality of portfolios.

2. The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a web server operative to allow an authorized user to access one or more of the

10 portfolios.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the web server is further operative to allow the authorized user to search the portfolios for a specified criteria and to access one or more of the portfolios that met the specified criteria.

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4. The system of claim 2, wherein the authorized user is an employer seeking to fill an open position.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the recorded videos is a video resume.

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6. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the recorded videos is a video interview, said video interview including responses to one or more questions presented.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the video kiosks each have a video camera coupled to a computer, said computer including a central processing unit, a display, and an input means.

5 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the input means is a touch-screen on the display.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein at least one of the video kiosks comprises:
a free-standing storage unit that houses the camera and the computer.

10 10. The system of claim 7, wherein at least one of the video kiosks comprises:
a storage unit that houses the camera and the computer;
a bench;
a plurality of walls surrounding the bench and the storage unit; and
a door on one of the walls.

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11. The system of claim 10, wherein the door allows entry and exit into the full-size kiosk when opened and privacy in the full-size kiosk when closed.

12. The system of claim 10, wherein the door is a curtain.

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13. A method comprising:

receiving a video recording of a person that was recorded at one of a plurality of video kiosk locations and transmitted from the video kiosk location over a network;
storing the video recording in a portfolio associated with the person; and
providing an authorized user with access to the portfolio.

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14. The method of claim 13, wherein the person is a job seeker.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the person is an individual applying for college.

10 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the authorized user is an employer seeking to fill an open position.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the authorized user is the person.

15 18. The method of claim 13, wherein said receiving and said storing are performed for a plurality of portfolios and wherein said providing includes searching the plurality of portfolios for a specified criteria and allowing the authorized user to view one or more portfolios that met the specified criteria.

20 19. The method of claim 13, wherein the recorded video is a video resume.

20. The method of claim 13, wherein the recorded video is a video interview, said video interview including responses to one or more questions presented to the person at the video kiosk location.

5 21. A method comprising:
visiting a video kiosk at one of a plurality of video kiosk locations;
entering identifying information to access a profile;
selecting a begin recording option to begin recording a video with a camera;
speaking a message into the camera; and
10 selecting a stop recording option to stop recording the video with the camera.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein prior to visiting the video kiosk, the profile is created.

15 23. The method of claim 21, wherein said entering identifying information to access a profile includes creating a new profile and then accessing the new profile.

24. The method of claim 21, wherein said entering identifying information, said selecting the begin recording option, and said selecting the stop recording option are performed by
20 touching a display of the video kiosk.

25. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

prior to selecting the begin recording option, selecting at least one positioning option to position the camera to a desired position.

26. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

5 selecting a review option to review the recorded video.

27. The method of claim 21, wherein said speaking into the camera is at least in part based upon speaking one or more words displayed in a teleprompt script.

10 28. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

selecting a photo option to capture a still photo with the camera.

29. The method of claim 21, wherein a plurality of videos are recorded and one of the recorded videos is selected for retention in a user portfolio.

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30. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

selecting the recorded video for retention in a user portfolio.

31. The method of claim 29 or 30, wherein the selected video is transmitted over a

20 network from the video kiosk to the user portfolio stored on a central database.

32. The method of claim 21, wherein the recorded video is a video resume.

33. The method of claim 21, wherein the recorded video is a video interview, said video interview including responses to one or more questions presented to a person at the video kiosk location.

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34. A system comprising:

a video kiosk having a storage unit that houses a video camera coupled to a computer, said computer including a central processing unit, a display, an input means, and a connection to a network; and

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wherein said video kiosk is operative to record a video of a user and transmit the recorded video over the network to a video collection server so the recorded video can be associated with a corresponding portfolio in a database containing a plurality of portfolios.

35. The system of claim 34, wherein the user is a candidate seeking a job.

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36. The system of claim 34, wherein the user is an employer and the recorded video includes content selected from the group consisting of: a job description, a description of ideal qualifications, a company profile, and interview questions.

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